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**Introduced by Senator Hernandez**

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An act to amend Section 52240 of the Education Code, relating to pupil instruction.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 532, as introduced, Hernandez. Advanced placement program.

Existing law contains legislative findings and declarations stating that advanced placement courses, among other things, help to improve the overall curriculum at schools where they are provided and provide a cost-effective means for high school pupils to obtain college-level coursework experience. Existing law states the intent of the Legislature to provide financial assistance to economically disadvantaged pupils for the payment of advanced placement examination fees.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes in the provision described above.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 52240 of the Education Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 52240. (a) The Legislature hereby finds and declares all of the
- 4 following:
- 5 (1) Advanced placement courses, for which school credit is
- 6 awarded, provide rigorous academic coursework opportunities for
- 7 high school pupils and help to improve the overall curriculum at
- 8 schools where ~~they~~ *those courses* are provided.

1 (2) The successful completion of advanced placement courses  
2 and *the* subsequent advanced placement examinations, which are  
3 conducted by the College Entrance Examination Board and for  
4 which college credit is awarded, provide a cost-effective means  
5 for high school pupils to obtain college-level coursework  
6 experience.

7 (3) To the extent that economically disadvantaged pupils are  
8 provided financial assistance to take advanced placement  
9 examinations, they will be provided with successful college-level  
10 experience and be encouraged to pursue postsecondary education  
11 opportunities.

12 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature, therefore, that certain state  
13 funding that currently is provided to school districts be made  
14 available to provide financial assistance to economically  
15 disadvantaged pupils ~~in~~ for the payment of advanced placement  
16 examination fees. It is further the intent of the Legislature that a  
17 competitive grant program also be established for the purpose of  
18 awarding grants to economically disadvantaged pupils to cover  
19 the costs of advanced placement examination fees, thereby creating  
20 a second source of financial assistance for economically  
21 disadvantaged pupils taking advanced placement examinations.